

Mail is given a sense of humor to compensate him as the years roll him of enthusiasm.

Time was when the announcement of a high failure they used to ask "what's her name?"

Forty-five men 22,000 hours last year. Here we have a field where the automobile cannot hope to compete.

It is reported that a duke wants to marry Helen Gould. Now comes the supreme test of Helen's good sense.

Why doesn't some enterprising man arrange an interview with De Lassus on recent events in Panama?

The man who stood on the bridge at midnight probably found it easier than sitting at a bridge at the same hour.

If it is true that the greatest happiness is in having enough, the man with seven daughters should be oh, so joyful.

The Brooklyn Eagle thinks current carpeting at Patti is due to the "ridiculous pessimism of the supercilious few." Good.

Thieves have stolen one of the big bronze gates of Central Park, New York, but at last accounts the cobble had not been taken.

When New York society leaders fall to the wondering world learns that being in the smart set doesn't dull the edge of a lady's tongue.

A woman strike sympathizes three a brick at a car in Chicago the other day. It is not related what shop window suffered in consequence.

"People are seldom satisfied with small favors," remarked the philosopher. "What fun is there in kissing a girl if you can't kiss her hair?"

The enthusiasm which Japan and Russia are showing for peace causes a suspicion that there must be a stock of damp powder in the far East.

An English mayor has handed out his salary to be divided between the poor and the town bands. The bands, presumably, are to be bribed to quit playing.

The Toronto World hopes Uncle Sam will "choke to death on the next bite he takes of Canada." Perhaps he'll try to swallow the peky thing whole next time.

During the last fiscal year the railroads of the country killed 2,552 persons and injured 45,367 more. What are Macedonian outrages compared with this record?

The Cuban congress has voted a gift of \$5,000 to Gen. Gómez. Evidently the Cuban congress wants Gómez to retire permanently from the revolution business.

Somebody will be trying to prove next that Crescens never trotted a mile in less than three minutes, and then he was tied to a bar automobile and timed by a sun-dial.

There are those who think that our national patriotism is even robust enough to survive the suppression of the dynamite cracker and the toy pistol on the Fourth of July.

The banks continue to merge. And nobody rises to protest. In fact, everybody seems to be satisfied. The banks enjoy a monopoly of this sort of dealing when it comes to merging.

Hartford Post: We have found that the most lovable women, as a rule, are those who have no more mathematical ability than is required to keep account of the milk tickets.

The boy who writes in his copybook, "Reach after the higher things, cannot understand why his backward anatomy should be tattooed because he gathers jam from the top shelf."

It will probably be incumbent on the historian of the immediate future to record that Generalissimo Rafael Reyes of the Colombian army marched down a hill and then marched up again.

The new fund for the Methodist ministers amounts now to \$40,000—more than half of what Willard Allen took. It is not generally known just where Mr. Allen spent Thasalus.

Their fighting may not be up to the European standard, but the Central American countries do not keep the "War is Inevitable" headlines standing for several months before they got some kind of action.

King Peter tried to congratulate Great Britain's diplomatic representative at Belgrave on King Edward's birthday, but got snubbed for his pains. Peter will have to keep quiet and make motions when he wants to express his thoughts.

One of the judges has decided that a girl has no branch of promise suit against a man who proposes on Sunday and fails to carry out the agreement. After this it may be expected that the lights will be put out promptly at 12 o'clock Saturday night.

Forty years ago Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg address. Might we suggest that this is a good time for the citizens, and every boy and girl who expects to become a citizen, to take this address to some quiet spot and there read it and reflect on its beauty and its nobility?

London is startled by a medical opinion that the use of soap injures the health. If Chamberlain really wants to win back power, let him spring to the defense of that sacred institution, the Englishman's "tub."

That case of a wife who scratched her husband's face with her finger nail, stamped on his toes, struck him with a cane and beat him with a screen door because he asked her to get breakfast for him should be a warning to husbands who make unreasonable requests of their wives.

The long-headed man at Port Jefferson, L. I., who offers prizes of \$5, \$2 and \$1 for the prettiest pair of socks, also 10¢, that any young lady may send to him, evidently thinks that indeed there are no surprises. From July to November the receipts from customs were, approximately, nine million dollars less than the receipts from the same source by a corresponding period of last

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

Chief Executive Recommends Passage of Important Legislation—Causes Leading to the Formation of the New Republic of Panama—No Obstruction Now to the Building of the Isthmian Canal—Venezuelan Dispute a Triumph for International Arbitration—Extension of Purpose of Appropriation for Enforcing Trust and Interstate Commerce Laws Favored—Public Land and Postal Frauds—Need for Treaties Making Bribery Extraditable—Relations of the Government to Capital and Labor.

The President Charges the Colombian Government with Acting in Bad Faith in Repudiating the Treaty Between That Country and the United States. Presidents Brought Forward to Explain the Attitude of the State Department in the Roads of Justice—Country Has Been in an Almost Constant State of Turmoil for Many Years—The Importance of Preserving Peace in the Isthmus Declared of Paramount Importance.

President Roosevelt's message to the second session of the Fifty-eighth Congress is substantially as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The country is to be congratulated on the amount of substantial achievement which has marked the past year both as regards our foreign and as regards our domestic policy.

With a nation as with a man the most important things are those of the head and heart. And therefore the country is especially to be congratulated on what has been accomplished in the direction of providing for the welfare of the great corporations and combinations of corporations "escaped" in interstate commerce. The Congress has created a Bureau of Internal Revenue and Labor, including the Bureau of Customs and Labor, to combat the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which for the first time authority to secure proper publicity of such proceedings of these great corporations as may be necessary to expose their wrongdoing. Our expenditures in the enforcement of the Federal antitrust law, and by another law it has secured equal treatment to all producers in the market, is a long stride forward in making effective the work of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Department of Commerce and Labor. The establishment of the Department of Commerce and Labor, with the Bureau of Internal Revenue, is a real advance in the direction of doing what is possible for the solution of the vitally affected capitalist and wage-workers.

Functions of New Department. The preliminary work of the Bureau of Corporations of the department has shown the wisdom of its creation. Publicity in corporate affairs will tend to do away with ignorance and will afford opportunities for better legislation.

Systematic intelligent investigation is already developing facts the knowledge of which essential to a right understanding of the needs and character of the business world.

The Secretary of the Treasury to whom the Bureau of Internal Revenue is granted in his deposit of receipts to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which is another source.

In my message of Dec. 2, 1912, I called attention to certain needs of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and I again ask the consideration of the Congress for these questions.

Gold and Silver Standard. During the last session of the Congress at the suggestion of a joint note from the Republic of Panama and the Imperial German Government of Chile, and in harmony with an act of the Congress authorizing \$25,000 to pay the expenses thereof, a commission was appointed to confer upon the Republic of Panama in the highest sense a standard and fairly organized, whose managers in the conduct of its business recognize their obligation to deal fairly with their customers, their competitors, and the public, see nothing to fear from such supervision.

The purpose of this Bureau is not to suppress or prohibit legitimate business, but to aid in bringing about a better industrial condition—a condition under which there shall be obedience to law and recognition of public obligation by all corporations, and to assist in the promotion of the general welfare of the people.

With regard to the improvement of the American merchant marine the President recommends that the Congress direct the Secretary of the Navy, the Postmaster-General, and the Secretary of Commerce to take such steps as will aid in strengthening our domestic and foreign markets, perfecting our transportation facilities, in preventing commercial and industrial conditions, and in bringing together on common ground these necessary partners in the development of our foreign trade.

Alaskan Boundary. The message gives in detail the causes which led to the appointment of the Alaskan boundary commission, and congratulates both countries on the satisfactory termination of the sessions of the tribunal. It continues:

The result is satisfactory in every way. It is of great material advantage to our people in the far Northwest. It has removed from the field of discussion and contention the question of whether to have more acreage annexed to the state or not.

Enacting the laws above enumerated the Congress proceeded on sans and conservative lines. Nothing revolutionary was attempted; but a common-sense and practical legislation was the result of seeing that corporations are as liable to sue as to be sued.

The legislation was moderate. Good. It is to be hoped that the corporation will uniformly abide by the decision of the Supreme Court, an "immemorial heritage," whether it proceeds from birth within the country or is obtained by purchase. Let us now turn to Americans' chance to participate to the best advantage in foreign trade; and we may confidently expect that the new department will do its duty with the same care and attention as the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

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Naturalization Frauds. The actual investigation of the subject of naturalization frauds, the creation of the Attorney-General, and the criminal prosecutions, reveal a condition of affairs calling for the immediate attention of the Congress. Forgeries and perjuries of the most flagrant character are as liable to detection as any other.

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Consular Service. I call your attention to the reduced cost in maintaining the consular service for the defense of the nation, the reduction of the cost of the consular service for the past fourteen years.

It is to be regretted that the individual consuls, in their zeal to protect their own interests, have often violated the law of the land, and have not been able to do their duty in accordance with the spirit of the law.

The Federal Government has jurisdiction, but it is not the function of the corporation to interfere with the position of the individual or the nation, but rather to protect the position of the corporation.

It will see to it that the misconduct of the individual or the nation is not to be tolerated, but rather to be exposed and to be punished.

President Roosevelt says he cordially renew his recommendation, as a matter of humanity and morale.

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The Federal grand jury lately in session in New York city dealt with this matter, and the grand jury presented the same period \$500,000, the surplus for the fiscal year being \$547,000. The indications are that the surplus for the consideration of the Congress. This presentation is herewith made as an appendix to the report of the Attorney-General.

On the subject of the anti-trust measures which have been dealt with by the Congress the President says:

In my last several messages, in connection with the subject of the day, I have called attention to several points of importance which are most deserving reference to the policy of the Government in the direction of the enforcement of the antitrust law as it now stands, to be explained under the provisions of the Sherman-Gilmore, and subsequently the bill introduced in the Senate on Feb. 26, 1912, by Senator Smith, the Congressman from Massachusetts, for the purpose of amending the Sherman-Gilmore bill.

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